

FIG. 1

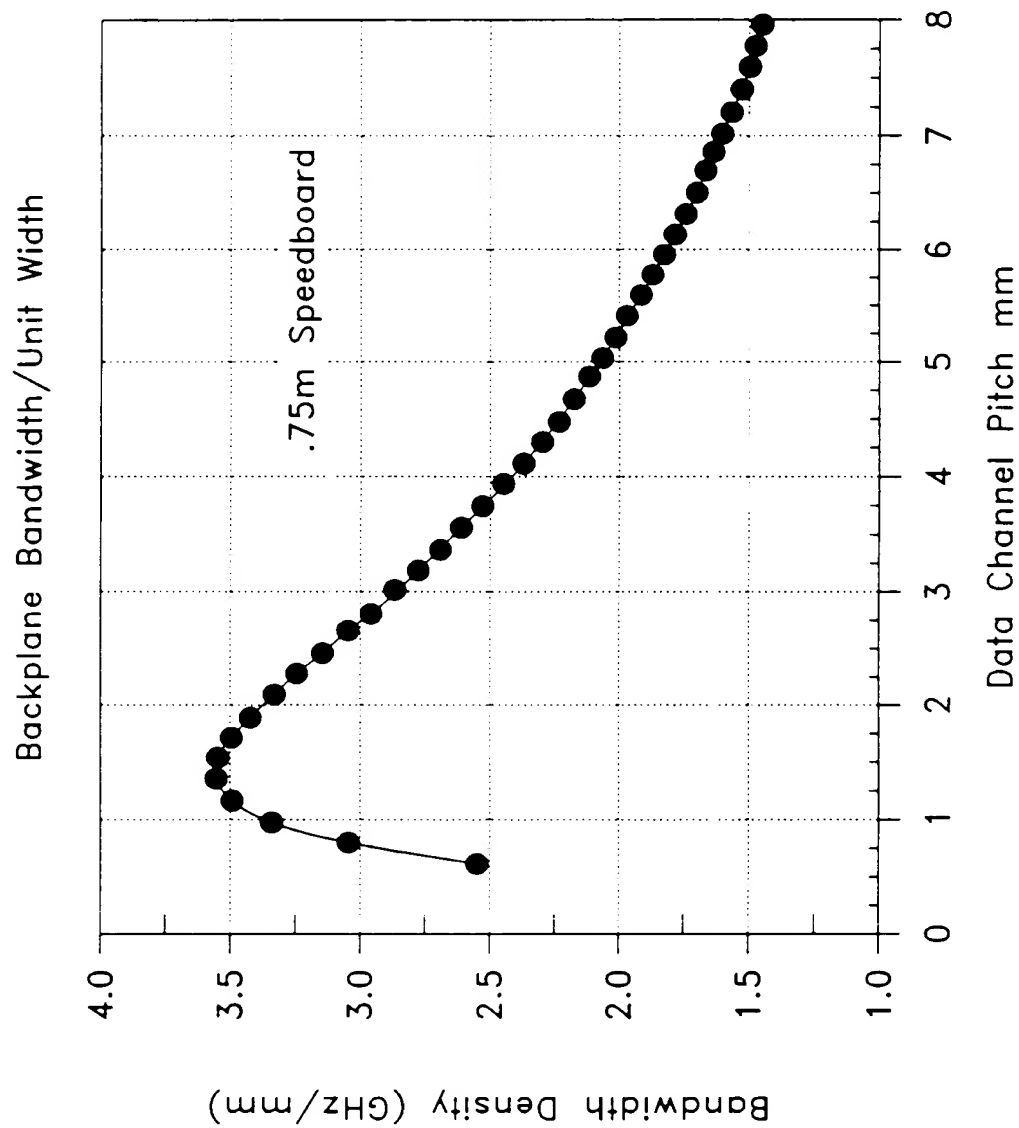


FIG. 2

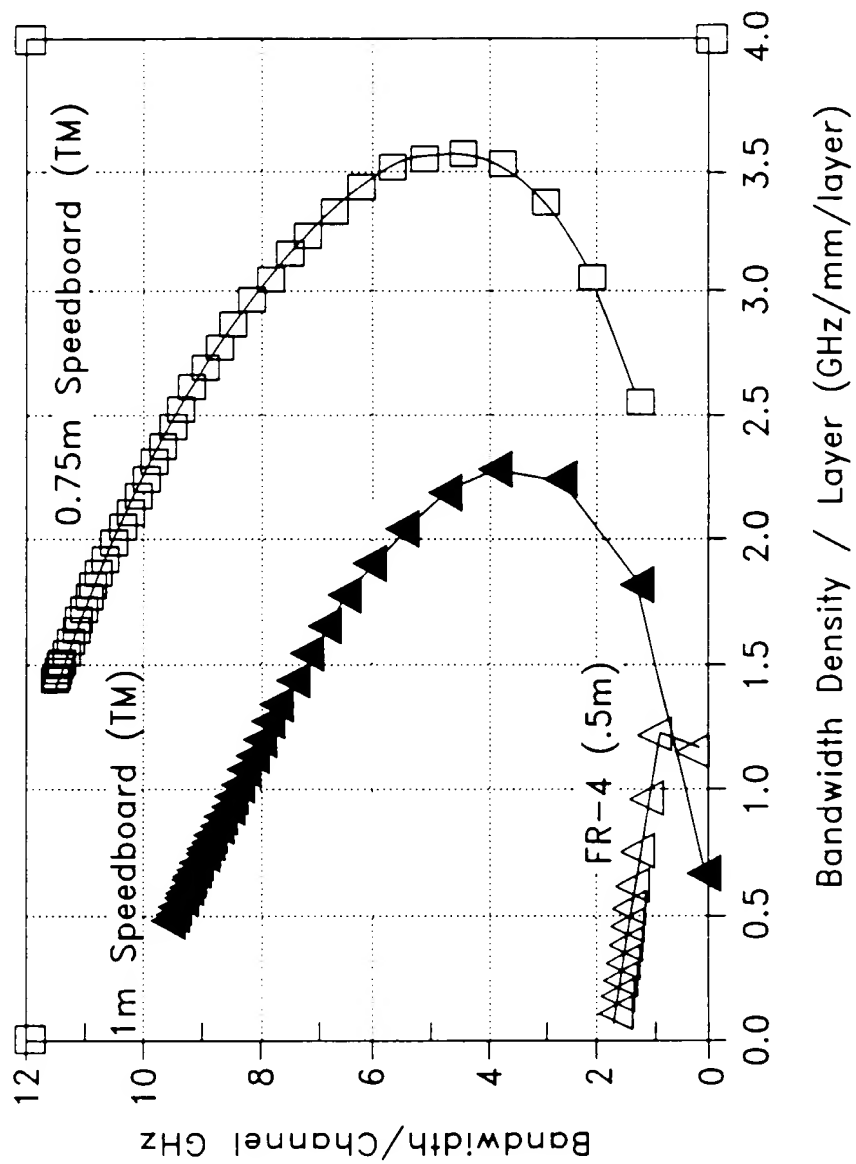


FIG. 3

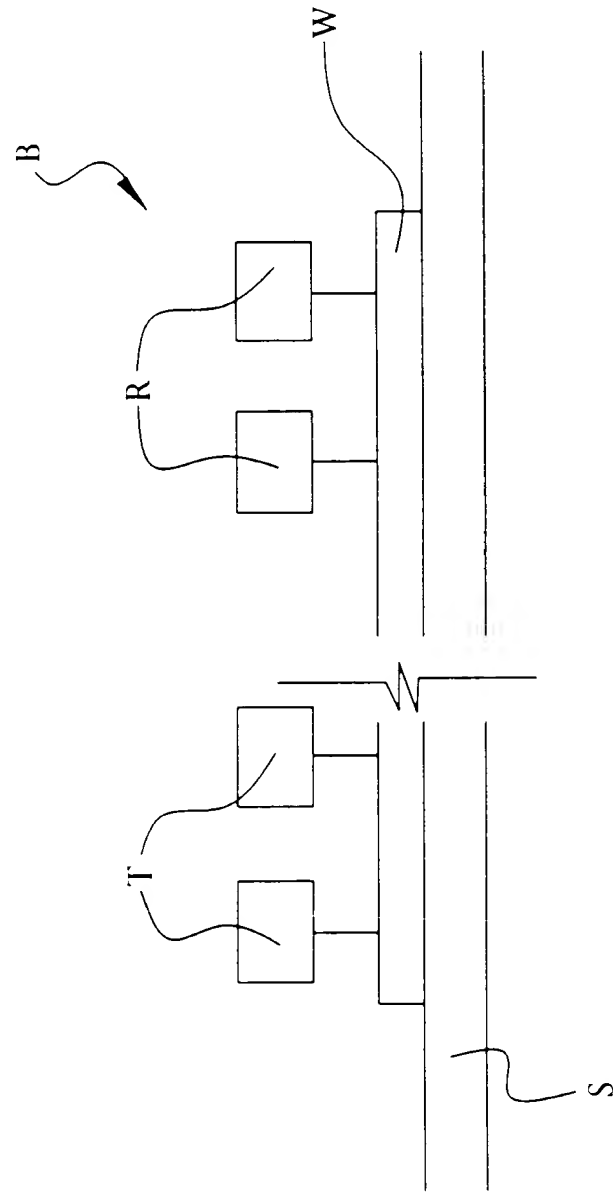


FIG. 4

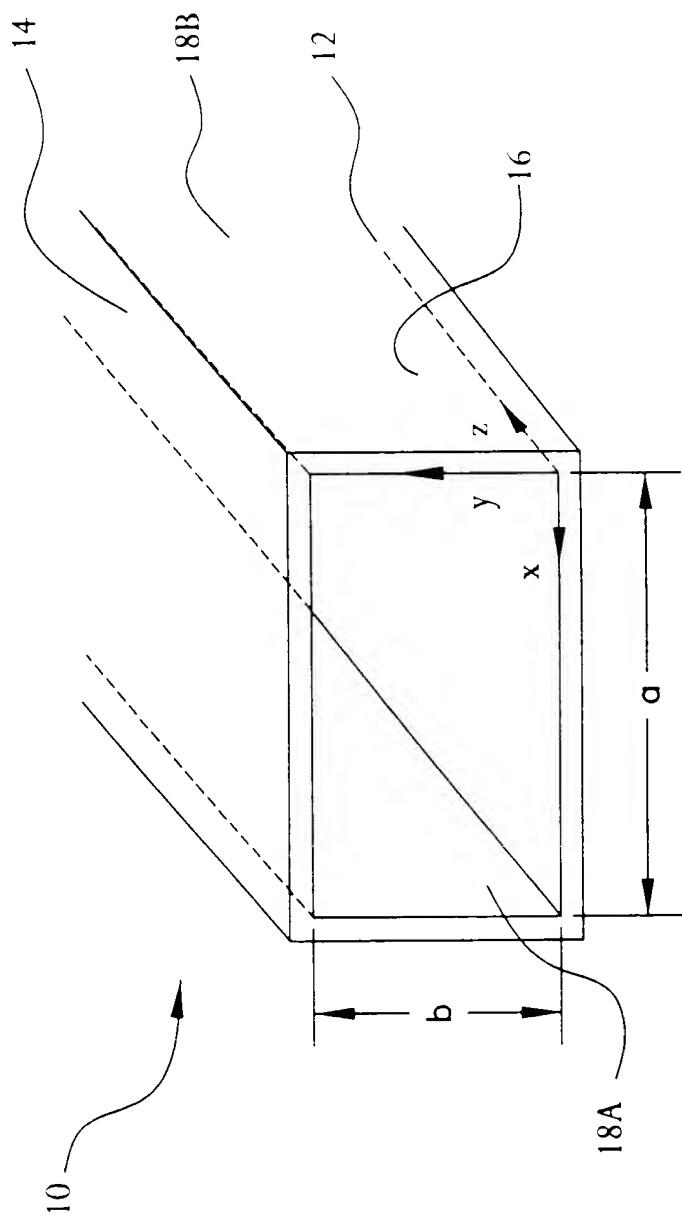


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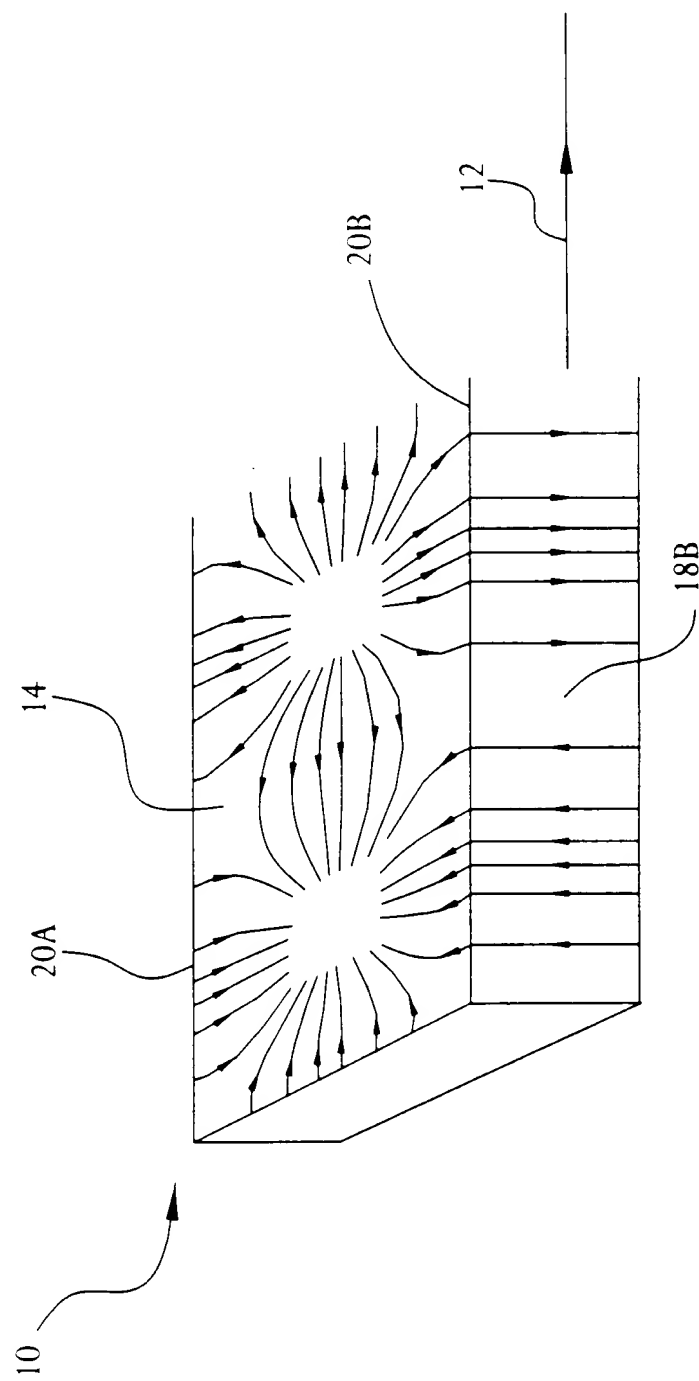


FIG. 6

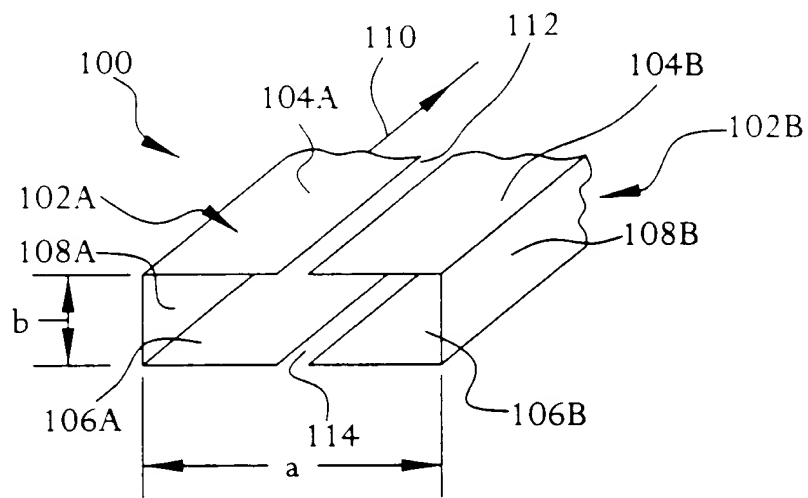


FIG. 7A

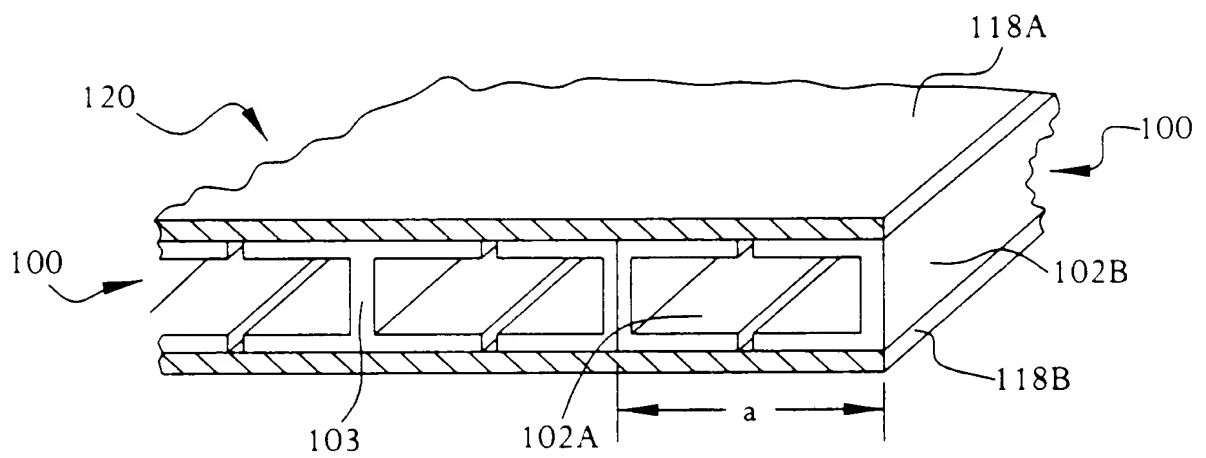


FIG. 7B

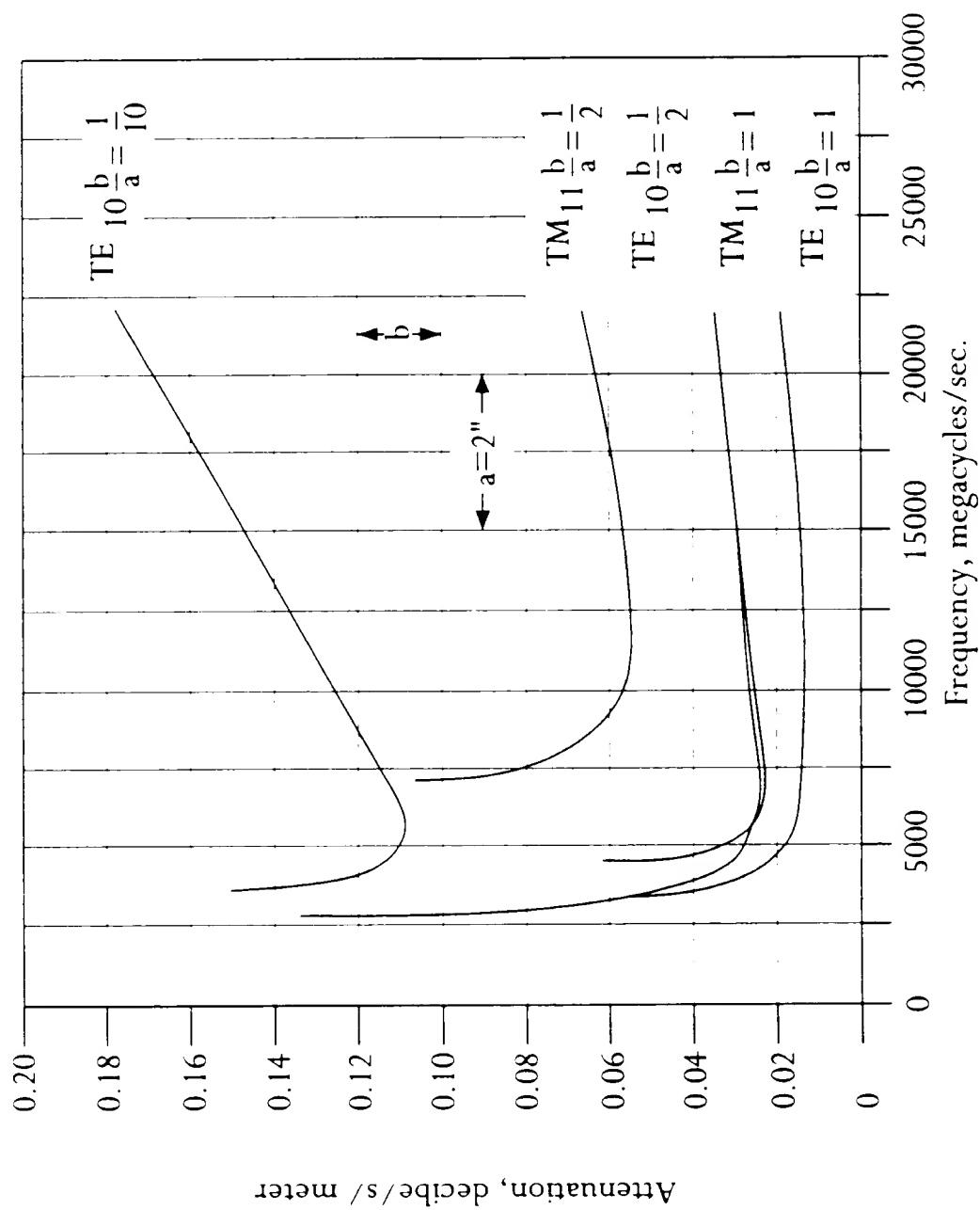


FIG. 8

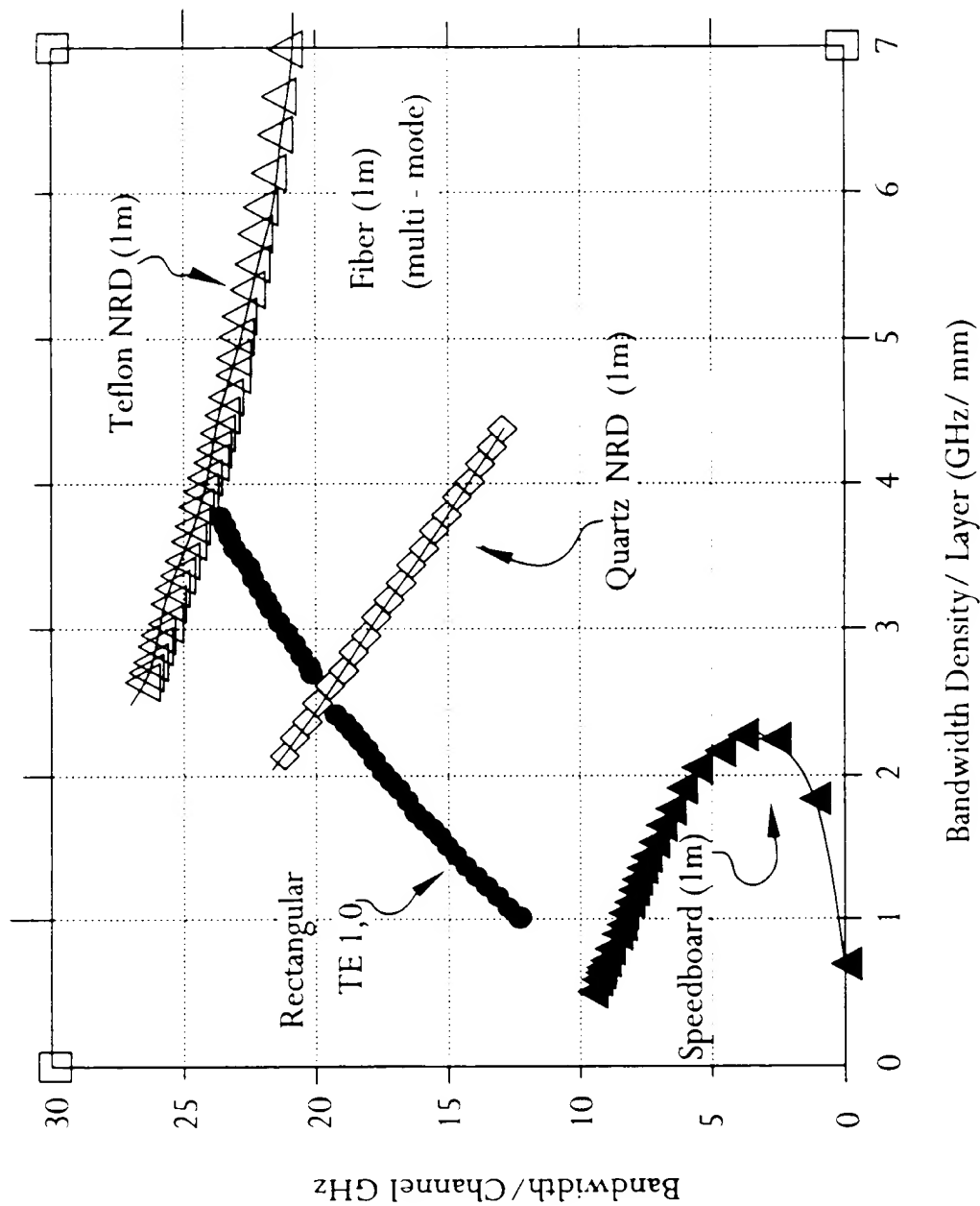


FIG. 9

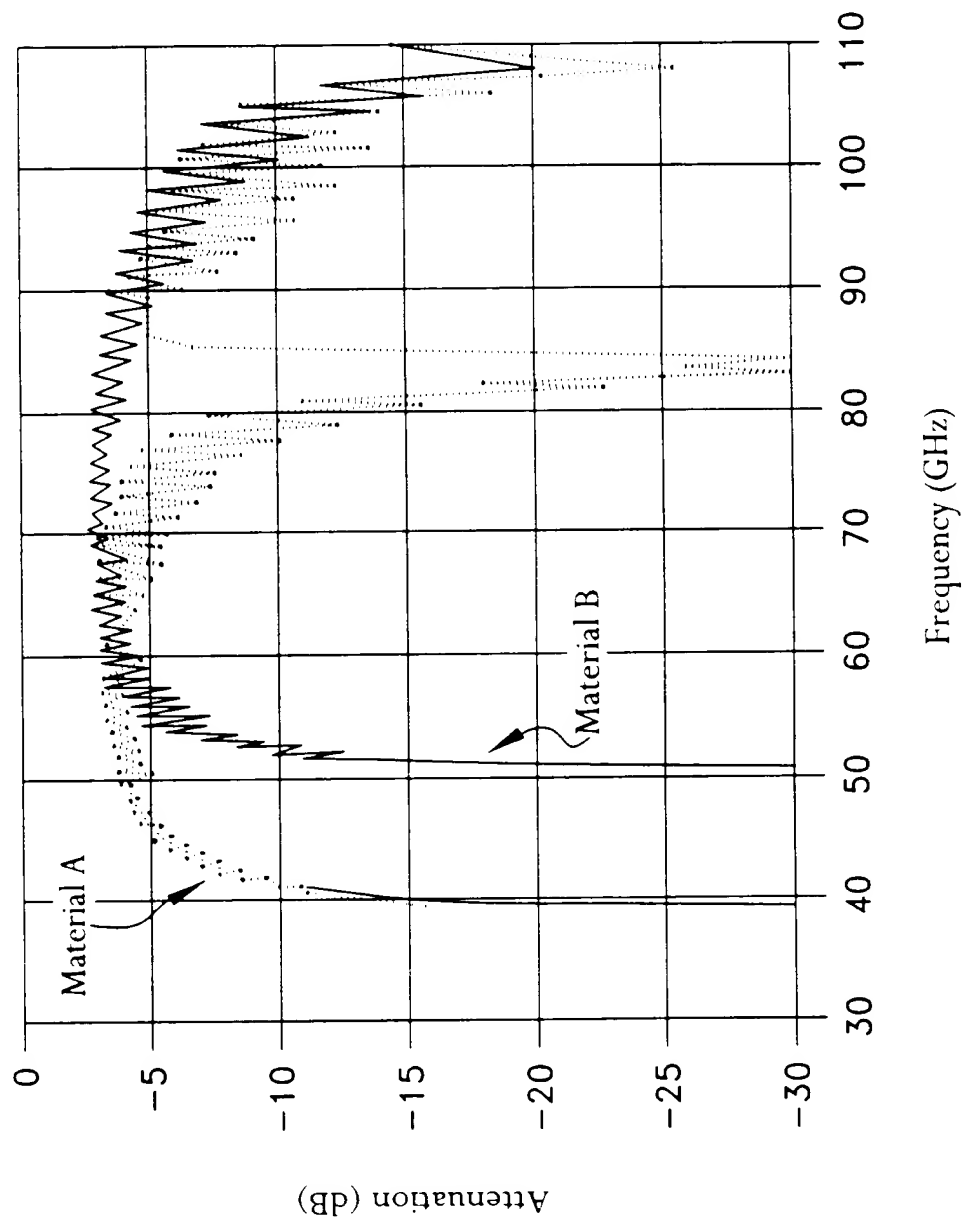


FIG. 10
(PRIOR ART)

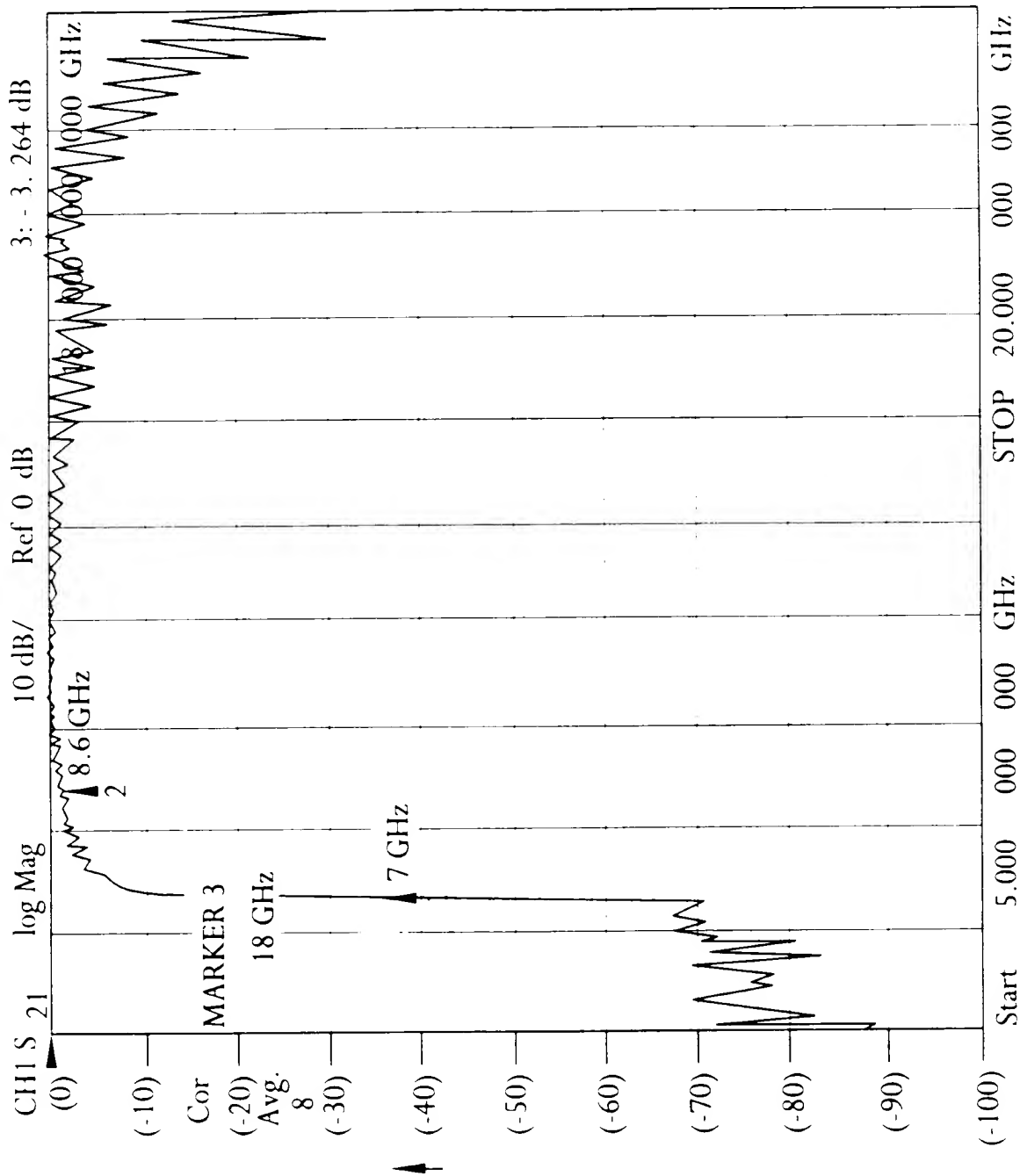


FIG. 11

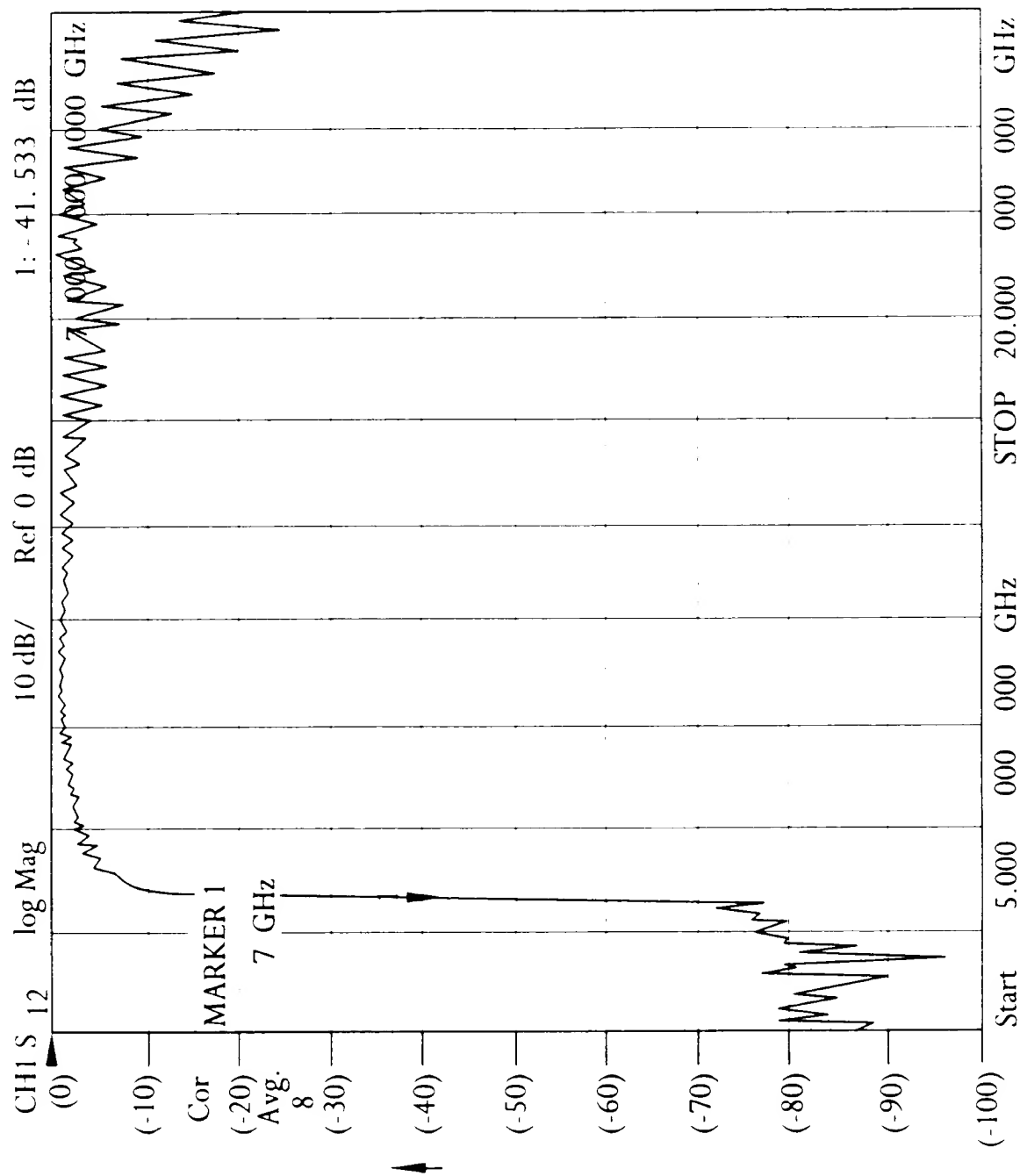


FIG. 12

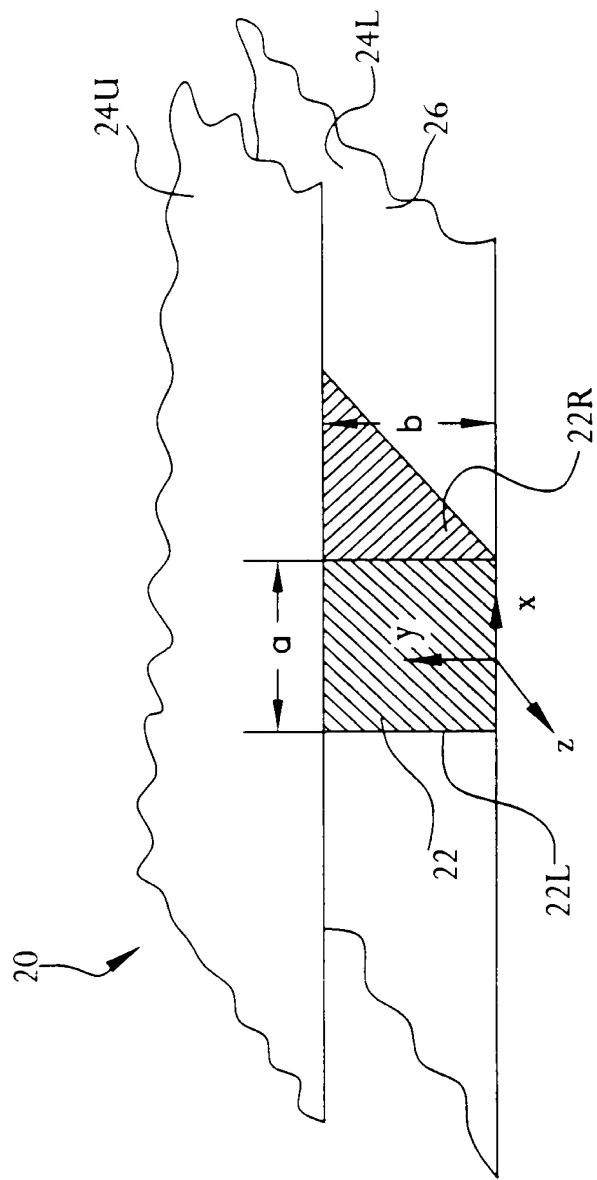


FIG. 13A

(PRIOR ART)

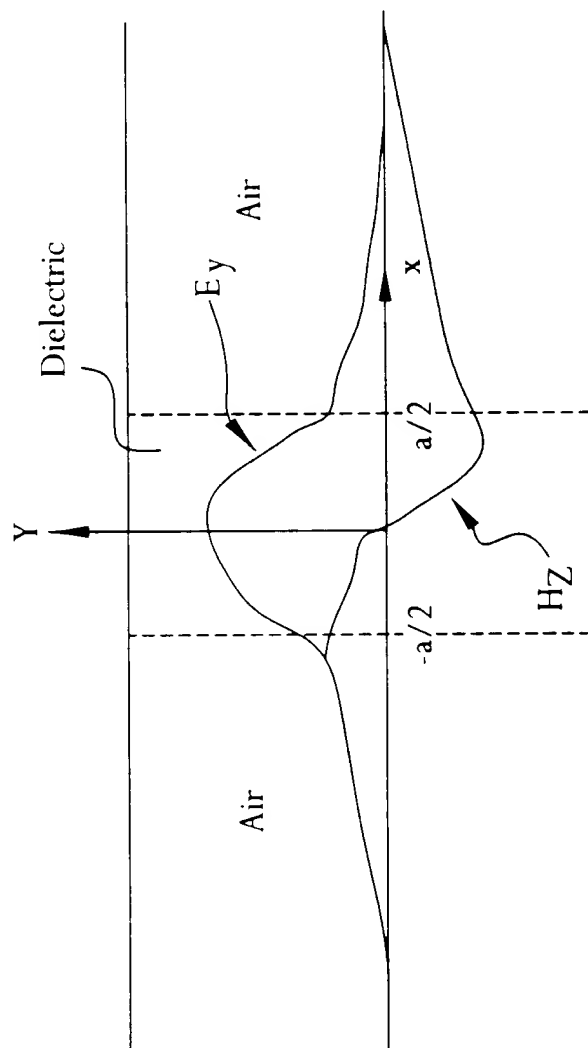


FIG. 13B
(PRIOR ART)

Dispersion Plot for NRD TE_{1,0} Waveguide Mode

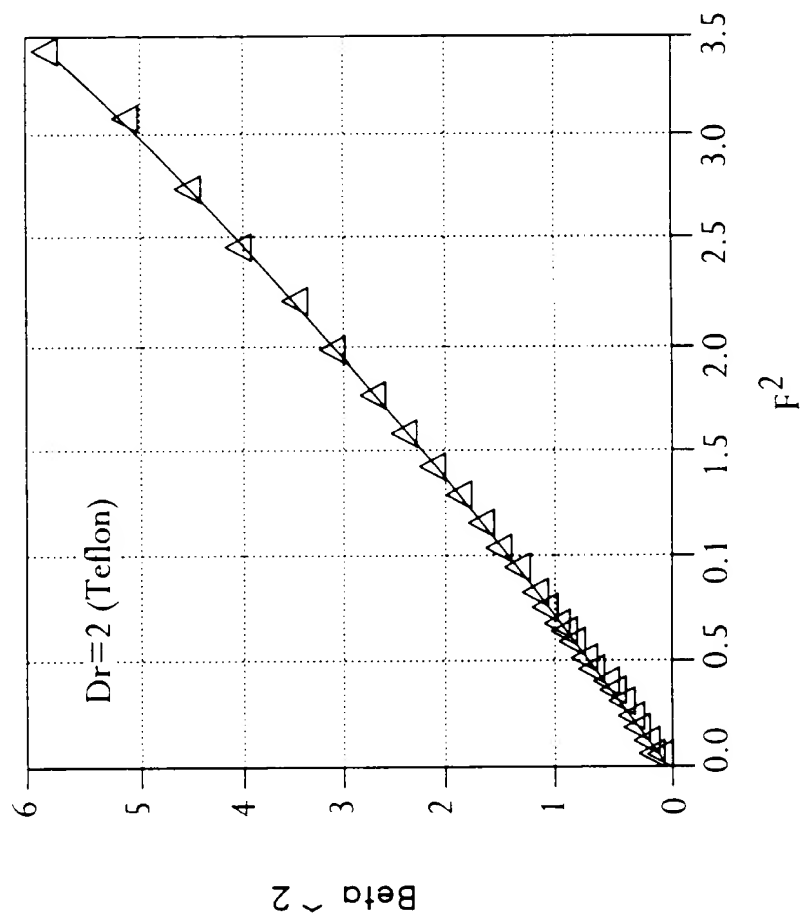


FIG. 14
(Prior Art)

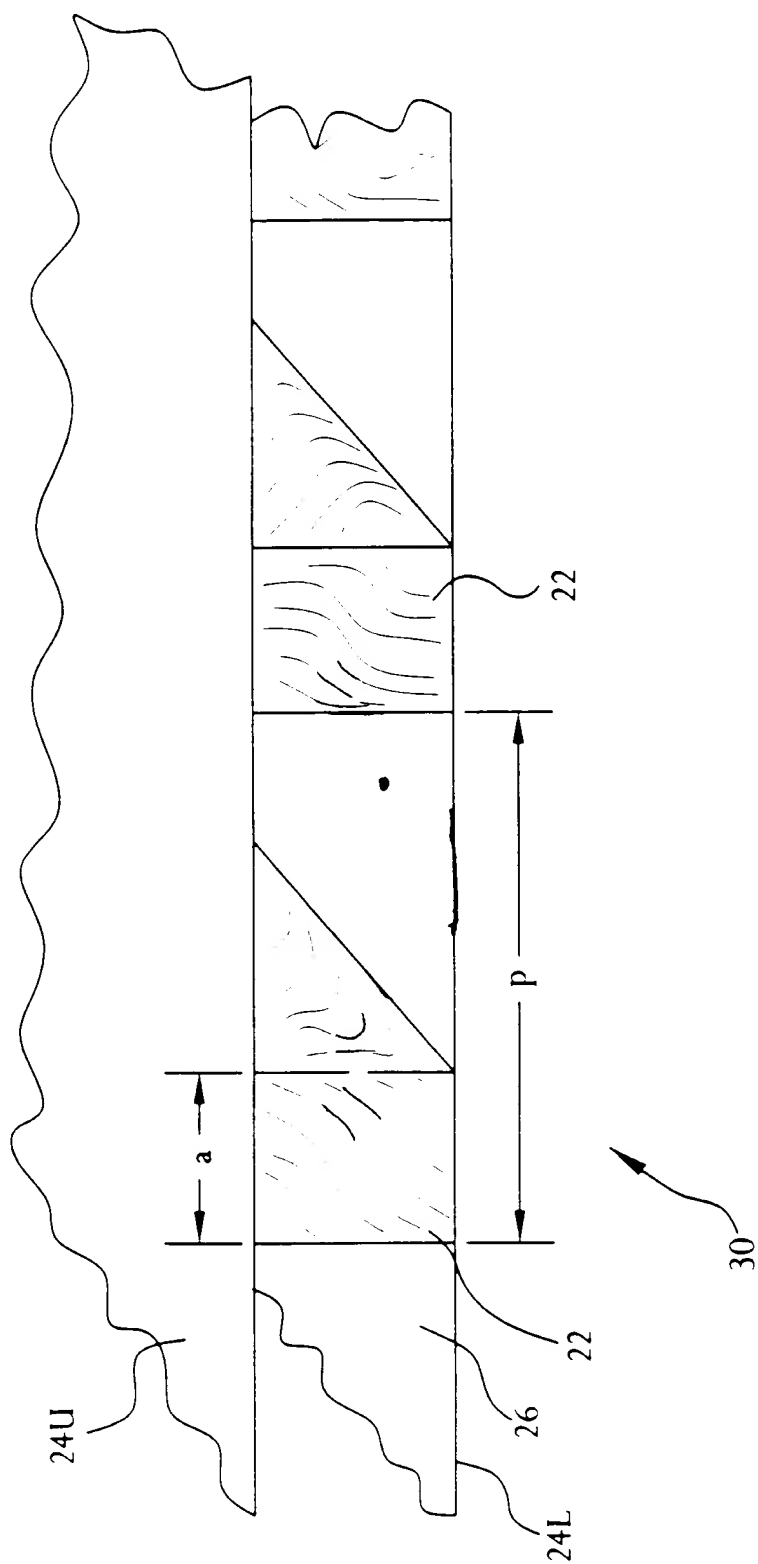


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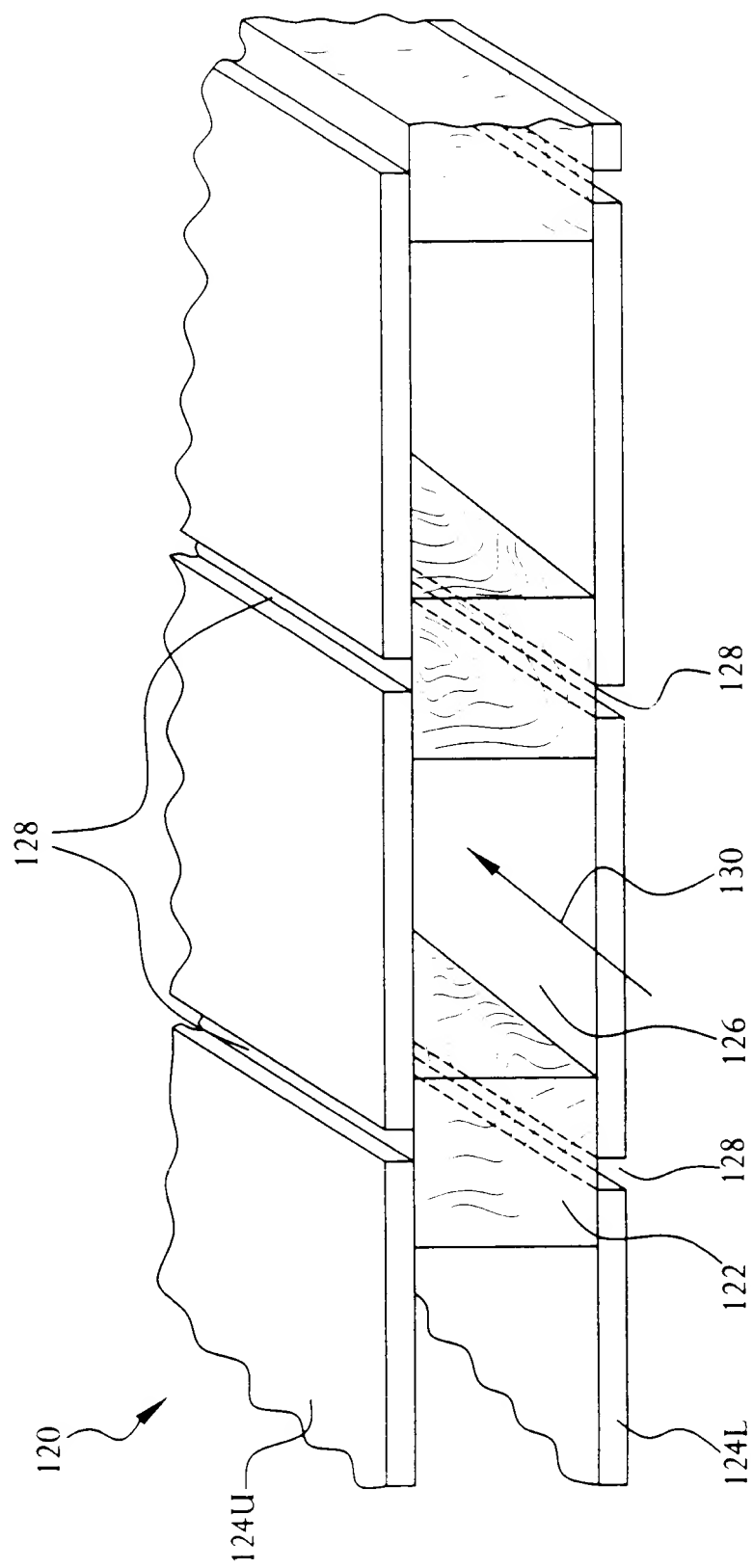


FIG. 15B

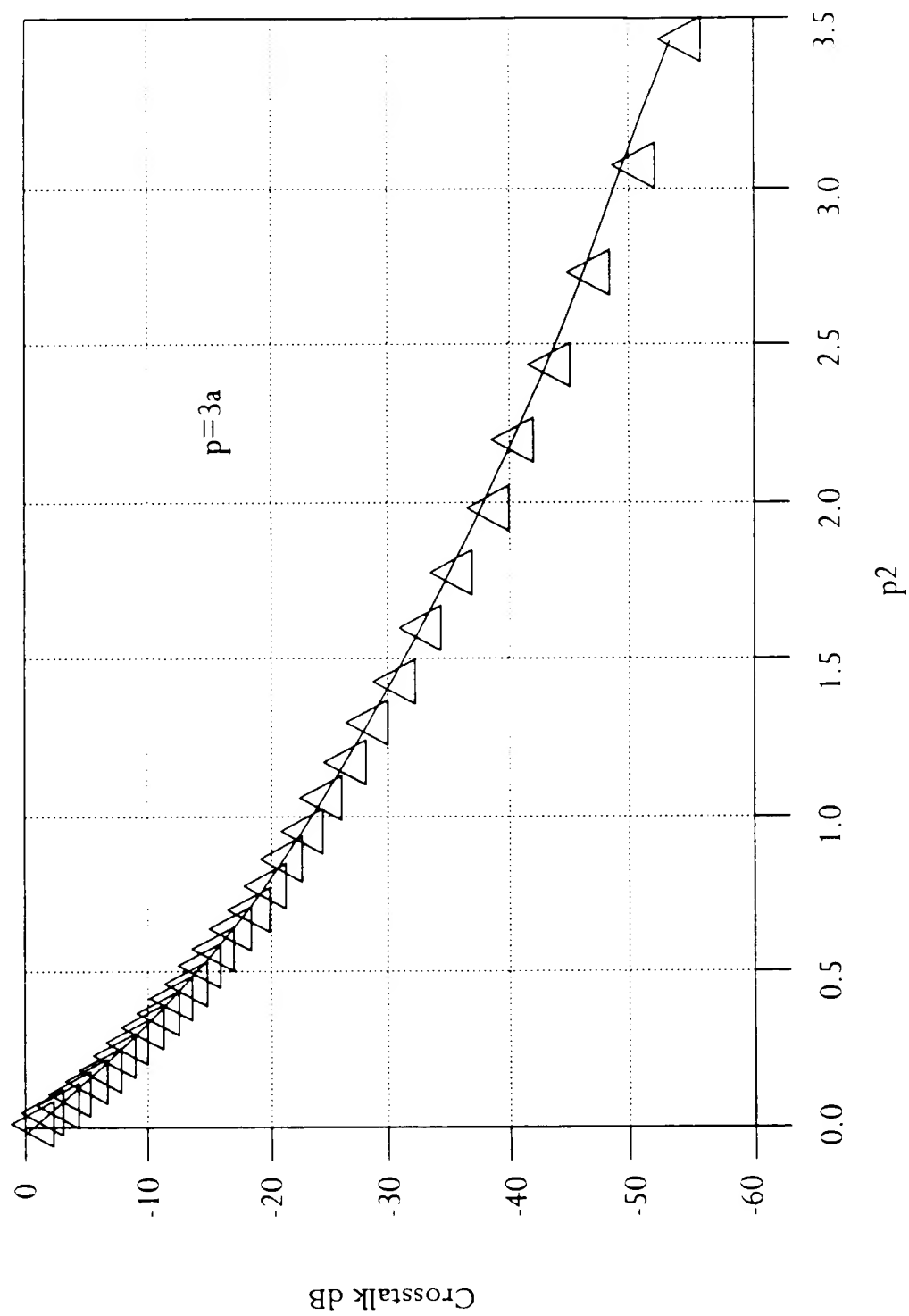


FIG. 16